

County Library Board Meeting
May 11, 2006

The meeting came to order at 9:05 with Chair, Evalyn Johnson; Vice Chair, Judy Brendel; Trustees, Donna Ohs, Gary Forney and Pat Bradley; Assistant librarian, Faye Rutherford; and Director, Joanne Erdall present.

The minutes of the April 13th meeting were read. Corrections were made to the first paragraph under new business where we were talking about the cut to Faye's hours from the Experience Works program; it should have read from 35 hours to 20 hours.

In discussing the line item amounts for the preliminary budget Erdall misunderstood that some of the board members wanted the mileage reimbursement to take place immediately instead of in the new fiscal year. A motion was made by Ohs to make these corrections followed by a second from Bradley. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The station visit to Pony and Harrison went very well. Approximately 35 seniors attended the Hollowtop Senior Citizen's luncheon and presentation by Erdall on the County Library services. Erdall greeted and signed up patrons at the book stations housed in the post offices in Pony and Harrison,

Evalyn and Judi Osborne were able to meet and discuss the Dick Pace manuscript materials. Judi did not recall it, but would have the custodian locate the boxes she packed from her office to be stored in the courthouse attic.

Erdall read a letter sent to the Vigilance Club President reminding them that building costs are included in our library budget of which the library director and board of trustees are responsible. A carbon copy was sent to the commissioners. It essentially asked them to remember to communicate anything that might change the normal yearly costs. This past winter they redid the floor and the extra electricity and heat used during this project resulted in negative line items because enough money was not budgeted.

New Business:

We went over the budget detail and finished our work on the preliminary budget. We factored in mileage for two board members to attend monthly board meetings at 0.0485 cents a mile. We also had bookkeeping assist us in figuring out the costs associated with having Faye work 25-30 hours a week as a permanent county employee. A motion was made by Brendel to accept this revised preliminary budget for presentation to the commissioners tomorrow at 9:30.

We received a confirmation letter that our E-Rate grant for the upcoming fiscal year has been awarded.

Erdall reported on the Montana Shared Catalog upgrades to new software and the training held in Missoula to assist us in operating our circulation systems. Erdall discussed the new Montana State Library project idea for seeking Interlibrary Loans reimbursements changes and funding costs to circulate more materials throughout the state by way of courier services for the next legislative session. Our library's Montana Shared Catalog ongoing costs for next year would be \$908.42.

Erdall attended the Montana Library Association Conference in Missoula May 1- May 5th. The first evening and following two days were spent in Montana Shared Catalog meeting and training for the new software that runs our circulation systems. The next two days she attended workshops offered for continuing education and vendor exhibits.

Faye presented an outline for our book sale to be held on Friday, June 16th on the library lawn. Ideas on set up, volunteers, advertising, refreshments and work schedules were discussed. Faye & Evalyn would bring tables and chairs. Judy and Donna had tents. Pat can work the entire day of the sale. Erdall would ask businesses to donate coupons for our volunteer helpers. More details would be finalized at our next meeting.

Johnson asked board members to call in advance of the meeting if they could think of anything they would like to see on the agenda. She also reminded them that the July meeting would have election of officers.

Erdall handed out assessment sheet photocopies to look over in preparation of a building assessment outline that we would begin to work on at the next meeting.

Trustee, Gary Forney shared an idea he came up with to complete an unfinished Dick Pace Manuscript. Virginia City Historian, Pace was working on this new book prior to his death. It has an outline for each planned chapter and Forney felt confident he could continue on with the research and complete the book. Proceeds from the sale of this book would benefit the archives. A motion was made by Brendel to accept this wonderful contribution of Forney continuing this work with the idea to finish it. A second was made by Bradley. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:02.

The next meeting would be held on June 8th at 9:00 am.